



## Anoka County Composite Squadron Minnesota Wing Civil Air Patrol



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#### Special Ground Team Search and Rescue Training

##### What it looks like from an airplane

Blaine, Police, Fire and Anoka Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) working together on Ground Team Search and Rescue Training along with a view from the air.

CAP conducted classroom instructions on ground team search and rescue, air search and public affairs. After the classroom presentations Police and Fire Department members went to a large open area for field training on September 20, 2008 at Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds Fire Station #3 in Blaine, MN.

Blaine Mayor, Tom Ryan and Police Capt. Kenny Fenner joined pilot, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Shelly Supan in the CAP airplane. They flew over the training area to view the training from the air. "You could see a cat on the ground in the parking lot", said Mayor Ryan.

"In the tall grass you couldn't identify people that did not have an orange or yellow vest", said Capt Fenner. "We did see Rescue Anne laying on the ground", he said.

The Police and Fire Departments were trained on line search and looking for clues of a lost person. When a searcher found a personal article such as a cap, jacket or t-shirt the search line would stop and evaluate what they found the direction the lost person might be going.

After some time searching, the lost person, Rescue Annie (the first aid CPR training mannequin) was found.

The CAP class room presentations were by Capt Andy Bosshart, Anoka Composite Squadron Commander, Elk River; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Jay Spreitzer, Emergency Services Trainer, Andover; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Shelly Supan, Deputy Commander and pilot, Maplewood; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt George Supan, Public Affairs Officer, White Bear Lake; Senior Member Don Raleigh, Emergency Services Officer, Blaine. Also assisting in the field exercise were Capt David Mansheffer, Blaine and C/A1C Charles Atchison, Coon Rapids.

Two search dogs and their trainers, CAP members, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Monika Oldenburg, Cambridge and Senior Member Denise Kvale, Ham Lake demonstrated the dogs skills in finding a person in the tall grass and in the woods.

A second training search was conducted in the woods and again Rescue Anne was found.

Fire Capt Harlan Lundstrom was in the CAP airplane during the second search. He said, "The view from the air could aid in a grass fire looking for hot spots". "We could have used the airplane three times the last couple of weeks", he said.

Mayor Ryan along with Police and Fire Department members all said they learned a lot with the training and want to do more with CAP in the future.

CAP, U.S. Air Force Auxiliary is a nonprofit volunteer organization with more than 56,000 members nationwide. CAP handles 90 percent of inland search and rescue missions, with approximately 75 lives saved each year.

The CAP senior members take a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to the almost 25,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. Cadets between the ages of 12 and 18

participate in a structured program through group and individual activities that include aerospace education, physical training, leadership, and moral and ethical values.

The CAP Minnesota Wing consists of 25 squadrons located in every area of the state, with more than 1,200 senior and cadet members and 18 light aircraft.

The Anoka Composite Squadron consists of 55 Cadets and 32 Senior's all training and working together for a better tomorrow. - "Citizens Serving Communities: Above and Beyond".

The CAP Anoka Composite Squadron is located on the eastside of the Anoka County-Blaine Airport.

For more information on Civil Air Patrol, log on to [www.anokacap.com](http://www.anokacap.com)

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Photo's:



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Pic)Presentation: Blaine, Police and Fire members in classroom presentation on field search and rescue

(Right Pic)Mayor in airplane: (l-r) Mayor Tom Ryan and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Shelly Supan in CAP airplane. Police Capt Kenny Fenner is in the back seat.



(left Pic)Line: Blaine, Police and Fire members setting up a line to start their search.

(Right pic) Field Training: CAP Capt Andy Bosshart (center) is instructing Police and Fire members on the items found of the lost person to indicate their condition and direction they may be going.



(left Pic) Found Person: Four members of the Fire rescue squad are treating the found lost person (rescue Anne) while the rest of the search team is some distance away reviewing the items found in the search.

(Right Pic) Both dogs: (second from left) CAP 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Monika Oldenburg, Cambridge and (third from left) Senior Members Denise Kvale, Ham Lake with their search and rescue dogs.



Group: Blaine Mayor, Tom Ryan (ninth from left) Police and Fire members along with CAP members who took part in the search and rescue training.

**Blue Moon Tuesday**, September 30, 2008 was a great night. Thanks to the Parents who put it on. The Parents organized the evening for all the Anoka Composite Squadron members and guests. One special guest was Col Tom Theis, Minnesota Wing Commander. Col Theis said, " it was great to see so many Cadets involved in a Squadron". Col, thanks for joining us.

Thanks to Andrea Fox for taking charge and working with the rest of the Parents on the Blue Moon event.

The next Blue Moon is December 30, 2008 and Jennifer Klever will be in charge. Jennifer helped Andrea with the September 30 Blue Moon to know how it is done.

The first Blue Moon in 2009 will be March 31, 2009 and Linda Thompson will be in charge. Linda will be able to help Jennifer for the December 30 as she has already helped with the event last evening.

Thanks to all who worked on the Blue Moon including the games for the Cadets.

## Promotions



Promoted from C/Basic to C/Amn Don Raleigh III



Promoted from C/Amn to C/A1C Charles Atchison

Promoted from C/SSgt to C/TSgt Christian Lysholm

Promoted from 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt to 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Jay Spreitzer  
Lt Spreitzer will be the new Emergency Services Trainer and Disaster Relief Officer

SM Don Raleigh will become the new Emergency Services Officer

Promoted from SM to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Jennifer Doyle  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Jennifer Doyle is our Personnel Officer

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Tim Frame will be our new Moral Leadership Officer

## **Safety**

The Sentinel is the official safety newsletter of CAP. Items were reviewed by our Safety Officer 1Lt Jody Veek. He suggested everyone access [www.cap.gov/safety](http://www.cap.gov/safety), find and read The Sentinel for the month of September. Access the web site, click on Newsletters (Archived), 2008, then September to pull up the September issue. Accessing and reading The Sentinel should be a regular monthly activity for everyone.

## **New Members**

Cadets

Bickle, Jake K

Hervert-Sikkink Noah T

Jacobson Koby L

McGrath, Austin R

Senior Members

Kenny, Mike J Former Cadet now a Senior Member

## **Welcome to all**

## **New web site**

The Anoka Composite Squadron has a new web site. [anokacap.com](http://anokacap.com)

On the new web site is an area for parents. Go to [anokacap.com](http://anokacap.com) click on **Join Anoka Squadron** and then click **Parents Page**.

If you have any comments please contact me.

Have a great day,

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